

Refugee Vaccination Eligibility



Eligibility for Vaccines through Indiana Refugee and International Health Program

The Refugee Domestic Screening: The CDC recommends that every refugee that enters the US should be offered a domestic health screening. The screening usually occurs 30-90 days after the refugee arrives in the United States, but medical coverage is available for up to eight months after arrival. It is a comprehensive medical examination that screens for a wide range of infectious diseases and non-communicable conditions. It is an opportunity to identify health issues, promote wellbeing, orient new arrivals to the U.S. healthcare system, and connect refugees with routine and specialty care (<https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/guidelines/domestic-guidelines.html>).

Vaccination: Vaccination records for arriving refugees are evaluated during the domestic screening, and both adult and childhood vaccine needs are addressed. Vaccine doses administered outside the United States are accepted as valid if schedules and doses are compatible with ACIP recommendations. Vaccinations are given during the domestic screening according to ACIP recommendations at no-cost to the refugee.

Eligible Population: New arrivals with the following visa type are eligible for the domestic screening: Refugee, Asylees, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, Amerasians, Special Immigrants Visa, and Victims of Human Trafficking. Afghans who arrived through Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) and Ukrainian arrivals through United for Ukrainian (U4U) Program are paroled with refugee benefits and are therefore eligible to the free domestic screening as well (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/policy-guidance/status-and-documentation-requirements-orr-refugee-resettlement-program>).

Refugee Health Clinics: The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Refugee and International Health Program (RIHP) contracts with several designated clinics across Indiana to provide the domestic screening at no cost to the refugee client.

IDOH can connect newly arriving Ukrainians and/or their sponsors to the clinics that perform these free domestic screening, including free vaccination and TB testing. Please contact the Refugee Health Coordinator at IDOH, **Maliki Yacouba at (317) 234-7252 or email refugeehealth@isdh.in.gov**.

The following partner organizations can also help connect newly arriving Ukrainians and/or their sponsors to these free domestic screening clinics or to the IDOH Refugee Health Coordinator.

RIHP Partner Clinics	RIHP Partner Resettlement Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen County Dept. of Health 4813 New Haven Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46803 260-449-7504 • Healthnet Bloomington Health Center 811 W. 2nd St., Bloomington, IN 47403 812-333-4033 • Beacon Medical Group 714 N. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601 574-274-1698 • Marion County Public Health Dept. 3838 N. Rural St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 317-221-2000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus Refugee Immigration 2457 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46201 317-921-0836 • Catholic Charities at Indianapolis 1400 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202 312-236-1500 • Catholic Charities at Ft. Wayne 915 S Clinton St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 260-422-5625 • Catholic Charities at South Bend 1817 Miami St., South Bend, IN 46613 574-234-3111 • God Is Good Foundation 900 S. Barker Ave., Evansville, IN 47712 812-490-3184